

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 2:18-cr-34

Plaintiff,

Hon. Paul L. Maloney

v.

JASON HARRY BISHOP

Defendant.  
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PLEA AGREEMENT

This constitutes the plea agreement between Jason Harry Bishop (Defendant) and the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan. The terms of the agreement are as follows:

1. Plea to Information. Defendant gives up the right to indictment by a grand jury and agrees to plead guilty to the Felony Information charging transportation of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(1) and (b)(1).

2. Defendant Understands the Crime. In order for Defendant to be guilty of violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(1) and (b)(1), the following must be true: (1) Defendant knowingly transported, (2) in foreign commerce, (3) visual depictions, which involved the use of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Defendant is pleading guilty because Defendant is guilty of the charge described above.

3. Defendant Understands the Penalty. The statutory minimum and maximum sentence that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(1) and (b)(1), is the following: not less than 5 years' nor more than 20 years' imprisonment; not less than 5 years nor more than a lifetime period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100 and an additional special assessment of \$5,000. Defendant agrees to pay the special assessments at or before the time of sentencing unless Defendant affirmatively demonstrates to the Court that he lacks the ability to pay.

4. Supervised Release Defined. Supervised release is a period of time following imprisonment during which Defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that if he violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised release imposed, he may be returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release, which could result in Defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than the statutory maximum stated above.

5. Sex Offender Registration. Defendant acknowledges and agrees that Defendant must register as a sex offender in all applicable jurisdictions, including, but not limited to the jurisdictions where Defendant was convicted, resides, works, and attends school. Defendant understands that failure to register may subject him to prosecution.

6. Asset Forfeiture. Defendant agrees to forfeit all rights, title and interest in a Lenovo Laptop Computer, Model Ideapad 100s-14IBR, Serial Number YD00YQ5X; a Samsung Galaxy S7, Serial Number R38HA0EHVYM; and a Sandisk Cruzer Glide, 64 GB USB Drive, seized by law enforcement officials on January 27, 2017, which Defendant admits were used to facilitate Defendant's criminal activity in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(1) and (b)(1). The Defendant agrees that this property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2253(a)(1) and (a)(3) and consents to the entry of a preliminary order of forfeiture at or before the time of sentencing with respect to this property.

7. Factual Basis of Guilt. Defendant and the U.S. Attorney's Office agree and stipulate to the following statement of facts, which need not be proven at the time of the plea or sentencing: on January 27, 2017, in Chippewa County, Defendant crossed the border into Ontario, Canada. When Defendant crossed the border, he had a Lenovo Laptop computer, Samsung Galaxy S7 cellular phone, and Sandisk Cruzer Glide USB Drive, each of which contained images of child pornography. Defendant knew those items contained child pornography.

8. The United States Attorney's Office Agrees.

a. Acceptance of Responsibility. The U.S. Attorney's Office agrees not to oppose Defendant's request for a two-level reduction of his offense level for acceptance of responsibility under §3E1.1(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines. However, the U.S. Attorney's Office reserves the right to object to Defendant's request if it subsequently

learns of conduct by Defendant that is inconsistent with the criteria set forth in the Commentary to Section 3E1.1. Should the Court grant a two-level reduction as provided herein, the Government states that Defendant has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of his own misconduct by timely notifying it of his intention to enter a guilty plea, thereby permitting the Government to avoid preparing for trial, and hereby moves the Court to grant an additional one-level reduction if the adjusted offense level is 16 or greater.

b. Non-Prosecution Agreement. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan agrees, except for criminal tax violations not to further prosecute the Defendant for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A arising out of the Defendant's actions on January 27, 2017, as described in Paragraph 7. Defendant understands that the U.S. Attorney's Office is free to prosecute the Defendant for any other unlawful past conduct or any unlawful conduct that occurs after the date of this agreement.

9. The Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant understands that, although the United States Sentencing Guidelines (Guidelines) are not mandatory, the Court must consult the Guidelines and take them into account when sentencing Defendant. Defendant understands that the Court, with the aid of the presentence report, will determine the facts and calculations relevant to sentencing. Defendant understands that Defendant and Defendant's attorney will have the opportunity to review the presentence report and to make objections, suggestions, and recommendations concerning the

calculation of the Guideline range and the sentence to be imposed. Defendant further understands that the Court shall make the final determination of the Guideline range that applies in this case, and may impose a sentence within, above, or below the Guideline range, subject to the statutory maximum and minimum penalties described elsewhere in this Agreement. Defendant further understands that disagreement with the Guideline range or sentence shall not constitute a basis for withdrawal of the plea.

10. There is No Agreement About the Final Sentencing Guidelines Range.

Defendant and the U.S. Attorney's Office have no agreement as to the applicable Sentencing Guidelines factors or the appropriate guideline range. Both parties reserve the right to seek any sentence within the statutory maximum, and to argue for any criminal history category and score, offense level, specific offense characteristics, adjustments and departures.

11. Waiver of Constitutional Rights. By pleading guilty, Defendant gives up the right to persist in a plea of not guilty and the right to a speedy and public trial by jury or by the Court. As a result of Defendant's guilty plea, there will be no trial. At any trial, whether by jury or by the Court, Defendant would have had the following rights:

a. The right to the assistance of counsel, including, if Defendant could not afford an attorney, the right to have the Court appoint an attorney to represent Defendant.

b. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the burden of proof placed on the Government to prove Defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

c. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against Defendant.

d. The right, if Defendant wished, to testify on Defendant's own behalf and present evidence in opposition to the charges, including the right to call witnesses and to subpoena those witnesses to testify.

e. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if Defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that choice not be used against Defendant.

f. By pleading guilty, Defendant also gives up any and all rights to pursue in this Court or on appeal any affirmative defenses, Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial motions that have been filed or could be filed.

12. Waiver of Other Rights.

A. Waiver. In exchange for the promises made by the government in entering this plea agreement, Defendant waives all rights to appeal or collaterally attack Defendant's conviction, sentence, or any other matter relating to this prosecution, except as listed below.

B. Exceptions. Defendant may appeal or seek collateral relief to raise a claim, if otherwise permitted by law in such a proceeding, on the following grounds:

1) Defendant's sentence on any count of conviction exceeded the statutory

maximum for that count;

- 2) Defendant's sentence was based on an unconstitutional factor, such as race, religion, national origin, or gender;
- 3) the district court incorrectly determined the Sentencing Guidelines range, if Defendant objected at sentencing on that basis;
- 4) the guilty plea was involuntary or unknowing;
- 5) an attorney who represented Defendant during the course of this criminal case provided ineffective assistance of counsel.

If Defendant appeals or seeks collateral relief, Defendant may not present any issue in the proceeding other than those described in this subparagraph.

13. FOIA Requests. Defendant hereby waives all rights, whether asserted directly or by a representative, to request or receive from any department or agency of the United States any records pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including without limitation any records that may be sought under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

14. Hyde Waiver. Defendant acknowledges, by his voluntary admission of guilt, that the position of the U.S. Attorney's Office in this case is not vexatious, frivolous, or in bad faith, and he hereby disclaims and waives any right to make any claim for attorney fees.

15. The Court is not a Party to this Agreement. Defendant understands that the Court is not a party to this agreement and is under no obligation to accept any recommendation by the U.S. Attorney's Office or the parties regarding the sentence to be imposed. Defendant further understands that, even if the Court ignores such a recommendation or imposes any sentence up to the maximum established by statute, Defendant cannot, for that reason, withdraw his guilty plea, and he will remain bound to fulfill all his obligations under this agreement. Defendant understands that no one—not the prosecutor, Defendant's attorney, or the Court—can make a binding prediction or promise regarding the sentence Defendant will receive, except that it will be within the statutory maximum.

16. This Agreement is Limited to the Parties. This agreement is limited to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan, and cannot bind any other federal, state or local prosecuting, administrative or regulatory authority. This agreement applies only to crimes committed by Defendant. This agreement does not apply to or preclude any past, present, or future forfeiture or civil actions.

17. Consequences of Breach. If Defendant breaches any provision of this agreement, whether before or after sentencing, the United States shall have the right to terminate this agreement, or deny any or all benefits to which Defendant would otherwise be entitled under the terms of this agreement. In the event that the United States elects to terminate this agreement, the agreement shall be considered null and void,



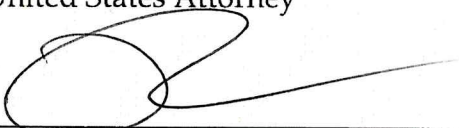
and the parties shall return to the same position they were in prior to the execution of this agreement, as though no agreement ever existed. In such an event, Defendant shall remain liable for prosecution on all original charges, and the United States shall be free to bring such additional charges as the law and facts warrant. Defendant further agrees to waive and forever give up his right to raise any claim that such a prosecution is time-barred if the prosecution is brought within one (1) year of the breach that gives rise to the termination of this agreement.

18. This is the Complete Agreement. This agreement has been entered into by both sides freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, and it incorporates the complete understanding between the parties. No other promises have been made, nor may any additional agreements, understandings or conditions be entered into unless in a writing signed by all parties or on the record in open court.

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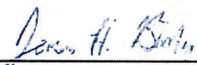
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United States Attorney

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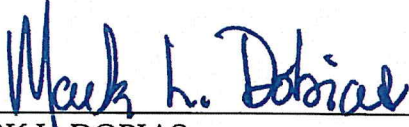
I have read this agreement and carefully discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. My attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible defenses, of the sentencing provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No promises or inducements have been made to me other than those contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. Finally, I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter.

8/16/18  
Date

  
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JASON HARRY BISHOP  
Defendant

I am Jason Harry Bishop's attorney. I have carefully discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible defenses, of the sentencing provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. To my knowledge, my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one.

August 16, 2018  
Date

  
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MARK L. DOBIAS  
Attorney for Defendant